wish. Nothing has happened ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: There is a sword hanging over our heads.

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: That is right. There is a sword hanging. That means, the Government should take this into consideration as soon as possible.

The judgement has come only recently.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: In the meantime, the jute industry is not examining other aspects of application.

DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: Sir, I would like to put a question. Would this not affect very seriously the position of three crore people in the country who are dependent on jute? You simply cannot take away the livelihood of three crores of people because the cement industry will be making less money. As far as cement industry is concerned, for ten years they have flouted the decision of the Government. They have flouted the court of law. My question is, what action is the Government going to take against the cement industry for flouting the order? I would also like to know whether synethetic bags are not environmentally-unfriendly? As far as I know jute bags are bio-degradable; synthetic bags are not. *(Interruptions)* If synthetic bags are used, they are unfriendly to the environment. *(Interruptions)*.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Setting up of a Private Sector Refinery

*403. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received any proposal from PRA Petrochemical Limited for the setting up of private sector refineries, as 100% export oriented unit and if so, the details thereof including the date on which it was received;

(b) how many times the projects had been considered by the Foreign Investment Promotion Board alongwith the reasons for not according approval in this regard;

(c) by when it is proposed to be approved; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d) The promoters of M/s. P.R.A. Petorchemicals Ltd. had filed an application for a 10 MMTPA Oil Refinery Project under the 100% EOU Scheme in October, 1994, which was considered by the FIPB and was rejected vide letter dated 3-2-95 on the ground of low value addition. M/s. P.R.A. Petrochemicals Ltd. has subsequently submitted an application dated 29-10-96 with fresh facts for setting up a 9.5 MMTPA Oil Refinery in Andhra Pradesh under the 100% EOU Scheme.

The proposal has been under consideration of FIPB which will make its recommendation as soon as the Inter-Ministerial consultations are completed.

World Bank Assistance for improving Environment and Rehabilitation of displaced persons

*405. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of World Bank assistance for improving environment and rehabilitation of displaced persons in coal mines;

(b) when was this assistance offered by the World Bank;

(c) whether there is any delay on the part of Coal India Limited on finalising the tenders for the above work; and

(d) if so, the time by which these proposals will be finalised by Coal India Limited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) The World Bank has approved Coal Sector Environment and Social Mitigation Project (ESMP) in June, 1996. The project is to be implemented over 5 years and with an estimated project cost of US $ 84 million out of which International Development Association will finance US $ 63 million as a credit. The balance US $ 21 million will be financed by Coal India Ltd. The project has three components:—

(i) Environment

(ii) Resettlement and Rehabilitation